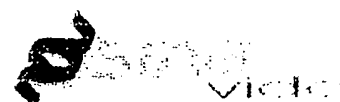


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Dear Sirs,

STAB VIDA, a Portuguese Company, and Instituto Superior de Agronomia, a Portuguese University, are assignees of the US Patent Application number 09/926,681. Until now, a patent attorney in the United States represented us. But, as the costs of this process were too high, we decided to do everything ourselves.

Now, we have until the 17th April to respond to an Office Communication related to this patent: Art Unit 1651. So, I would like to know how may I proceed to respond to this Communication directly from Portugal. What forms do I need to fill? Both assignees have to sign? How much are the fees and how can I pay it? In the case you think that there isn't enough time to reply on time, how can I prorogate the deadline and how much it will cost?

Thank you in advance for your attention, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*see attached  
e-mail  
response*

Daniela Leão

**Weber, Jon**

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**From:** Weber, Jon  
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**To:** 'danielal@itqb.unl.pt'  
**Subject:** Loueiro Application

I understand from your fax of 14 April 2003 that you are removing your US attorney for financial reasons. You had several additional questions that I will attempt to answer. This is being done informally because of time pressure and the informal nature of your fax.

1) You can find PDF versions of all forms and much other information that you will need at the USPTO www site, <http://www.uspto.gov> (under Search a Collection, select Forms).

2) You will need sb/82 to change power of attorney.

3) You will need sb/22 for extension of time. - The fees (regular entity) are: 1st month = \$110 (by 17 April), 2nd month = \$400 (by 17 May), 3rd month = \$920 (by 17 June). Under no circumstances can the response be filed more than six months after the Office action of 17 December. Payment can be by check, credit card, or if you have an account with the Office, the account can be charged.

4) Signature is only required for an authorized person. One is enough.

5) The response must address each and every outstanding rejection and objection by one of the following means:  
a) amending the claims to comply, explain why they comply  
b) arguing that the rejection or objection is improper with reasons why  
c) both (a) and (b)

It is suggested that the response use headings for each rejection, i.e., Rejections under 112, Rejections under 102, Rejections under 103, etc.

6) The response can cancel claims or add additional claims. Claims might be added to further define the invention being claimed, for example.

7) Make sure that you include the following with your response:  
a) Certificate of mailing date by first class or express mail  
b) Return receipt postcard identifying the papers submitted for the mail room personnel to check

I hope this has been helpful.

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